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Addressees:

REQUEST FOR ACCELERATED REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS PLAN FOR THE 100/300 AREA REMAINING SITES, DOE/RL-99-58, REV. 1, DRAFT A

Attached are copies of the DOE/RL-99-58, Sampling and Analysis Plan for the 100/300 Area Remaining Sites, Rev. 1, Draft A, for your review and approval. This revision presents the strategy for sampling and analysis activities that will support no action or remediation decisions for the 100/300 Area remaining sites as identified in the Remaining Sites Record of Decision (ROD) and the 300-FF-2 Operable Unit ROD.

Normally, written comments are requested from the regulatory agencies within 45 days of the transmittal letter per the Tri-Party Agreement. In this case, we have requested Bechtel Hanford Inc. (BHI) to accelerate completion of remediation or confirmatory sampling to achieve removal of 32 waste sites as soon as can be reasonably achieved. To support this acceleration of work and start field sampling on March 11, 2003, we request the regulatory agencies to:

- Meet with Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, supported by BHI, to discuss this acceleration plan at your earliest convenience, suggested meeting date of Wednesday, March 5, 2003.
- Review and provide conditional or partial approval of the subject sampling and analysis plan (SAP) by March 11, 2003.

- Review and concur on sample designs for the first three sites by March 11, 2003.
- Provide continued involvement with expedited (one-day) review and concurrence of approximately 50 additional site specific sample designs as they are generated over the following three weeks in March

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Smith, Environmental Restoration Division, on (509) 372-1544.

Sincerely,

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